

- v. a long relatively stiff proximal section;
 - vi. a short relatively flexible distal section; and
 - vii. an expandable member for expanding a stent; and
- b. a longitudinally flexible and expandable stent disposed about the expandable member of the catheter, the stent comprising a plurality of cylindrical elements which are independently expandable in the radial direction and which are interconnected so as to be generally aligned on a common longitudinal axis.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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ck A stent delivery assembly includes a catheter for carrying an intravascular stent for use in a body lumen. The catheter assembly includes a rapid exchange feature in which a proximal port is spaced a relatively short distance from the distal end of the catheter and a relatively long distance from the proximal end of the catheter. A stent is mounted on the expandable member or balloon portion of the catheter.